(vii) Improvement of over-all medical care facilities.

(c) Assistance in the form of medical supplies is provided as and when required by the Delhi Administration.

Valuation for Insurance of Silver Parcels

61. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the maximum valuation for which silver parcels can be insured is Rs. 10,000/- and that this limit was fixed more than two decades ago;

(b) whether the value of silver has increased more than 30 times since then; and

(c) if so, whether the maximum limit for insured silver parcels is proposed to be raised to rupees one lakh; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The present limit of Rs. 10,000/- was fixed in 1975.

(b) This is being ascertained from Ministry of finance.

(c) At present there is no proposal to increase the limit of insurance to Rupees one lakh as this would greatly increase the risks involved in the transmission and handling of mails.

Population Control Programme

62. SHRI C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been a set back to the population control programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the growth rate of population during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) how does it compare with the estimated growth rate of population for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The sample Registration Systems (SRS) estimates of annual birth and death rates are the source of information available for determining growth rate of population in the years intervening the two census years. The latest available Sample Registration System (SRS) estimates are for 1987. Estimates applicable at the stage to assess performance for the Seventh Plan period as a whole. Based upon the information available the Natural Growth rate of population (difference between the Birth Rate and Death Rate) for the years, 1985–87, is given below:

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Natural Growth Rate(%)
1985 .	32.9	11.8	2.1
1986 .	32.4	11.1	2.1
1987 .	32.0	10.8	2.1

(c) The Seventh Five Year Plan had envisaged a population growth of 1.9% per annum in the last year of the Seventh Plan. It is 0.2% per annum short of the final target in the above years.